

## FOOD PRODUCTION

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*The American Chargé d'Affaires ad interim to the Minister of Foreign  
Affairs*

No. 724

PANAMA, October 19, 1943

### EXCELLENCY:

Pursuant to conversations and communications between representatives of our respective Governments, I have the honor to inform Your Excellency that the Government of the United States is prepared to cooperate with the Government of Panama in a joint undertaking to assist your Government in attaining its objectives in increasing food production.

My Government understands that it is the desire of the Government of Panama to stimulate production of agricultural and livestock products. In this connection the Government of the United States, acting through the Institute of Inter-American Affairs, a corporation within the Office of the Coordinator of Inter-American Affairs, will maintain in Panama, if it is agreeable to Your Excellency, a small group of technicians in such number as the Institute of Inter-American Affairs deems appropriate to develop a specific program in cooperation with Your Excellency's Government. The group of technicians will be under the immediate supervision of the Director of the field party of the Food Supply Division of the Institute of Inter-American Affairs and will work in the closest cooperation with the appropriate Panamanian officials. The salaries and expenses of the group of technicians will be paid for by the Institute.

The Government of the United States will also cooperate with Your Excellency's Government in procuring seeds, fertilizers, insecticides, agricultural tools and equipment and other facilities necessary for the accomplishment of the undertaking. The expenditures to be made by the United States in render-

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<sup>1</sup> Date of termination agreement signed by a representative of the Institute of Inter-American Affairs and the Panamanian Minister of Agriculture and Commerce.

ing such cooperation shall be in such amount as the Institute of Inter-American Affairs deems necessary.

I should appreciate it if Your Excellency would be so good as to confirm to me your approval of the general proposal, with the understanding that the details of the program will be the subject of further discussions and agreements.

I avail myself of this opportunity to renew, Your Excellency, the assurances of my distinguished consideration.

JOHN J. MUCCIO  
*Chargé d'Affaires, a.i.*

His Excellency  
Señor Doctor DON OCTAVIO FABREGA,  
*Minister of Foreign Relations.*

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*The Minister of Foreign Affairs to the American Chargé d'Affaires  
ad interim*

[TRANSLATION]

MINISTRY OF FOREIGN RELATIONS  
Diplomatic Department

D.P. No. 5999

PANAMA, November 1, 1943

MR. CHARGÉ D'AFFAIRES:

I take pleasure in referring to Your Excellency's courteous note number 724 of October 19 last, by which you are good enough to inform me that the Government of the United States is prepared to cooperate with the Government of Panama in a joint undertaking to assist my Government in attaining its objectives in increasing food production.

I have learned that, in connection with such cooperation offered by Your Excellency's Government, the Institute of Inter-American Affairs has drawn up a plan for the establishment of a group of experts in territory of the Republic in order that, within a specific program of cooperation, it may be possible to carry out the plans of the Government of Panama with respect to an increase in food production.

Immediately after receiving Your Excellency's note, I took the liberty of informing the Minister of Agriculture and Commerce of the kind offer of the Government of the United States, and it is with the greatest pleasure that I respectfully communicate to you that my Government accepts this cooperation and has directed the Minister of Agriculture and Commerce to formulate the program to be carried on, in agreement with the representatives of the Institute of Inter-American Affairs.

I should like to take this occasion to express to the enlightened Government of the United States, through Your Excellency, the gratitude of my Govern-

ment for this new example of cooperation and assistance which has been offered to the Republic of Panama.

I avail myself of this opportunity to renew to Your Excellency the assurances of my highest consideration.

OCTAVIO FÁBREGA  
*Minister of Foreign Relations*

His Excellency,  
JOHN J. MUCCIO,  
*Chargé d'Affaires ad interim*  
*of the United States of America,*  
*City.*